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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

### GROWING LOCAL FARMS AND LOCAL JOBS

By Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner

I am absolutely thrilled to have been selected by Governor Malloy to lead the Department of Agriculture. These are very exciting times for Connecticut's farmers and the future of agriculture in our state. The time is right for us to work alongside Connecticut's farmers, agricultural stakeholders, and elected officials to grow local farms and local jobs.

On a regular basis, I will write a column in the *Agricultural Report* on issues and matters important to farmers, the agency, and Connecticut agriculture as a whole.

Consumers are demanding locally grown food and horticultural products as never before and our farm families are ready, willing, and able to meet that demand. Government needs to be a partner to help make this happen. A recent study by UConn's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources indicates that agriculture contributes \$3.5 Billion to the state's economy each year and represents some 20,000 jobs. Our mission must be to push those numbers even higher; promoting *Connecticut Grown* and increasing the utilization of *Connecticut Grown* in our schools, colleges, institutions, and restaurants, and by addressing impediments that stand in the way of getting local fruits, vegetables, meats, poultry, value-added and horticultural products into the hands of discerning consumers.



At the same time we are promoting *Connecticut Grown*, we must be equally committed to ensuring that the Department of Agriculture has the capacity to carry out its statutory responsibilities to ensure public health and safety through regulation and inspection. The same holds true for the enforcement of laws pertaining to domestic animals in order to assure their proper treatment. The critical nature of this aspect of the Department of Agriculture is something that I will expand on in future articles.

The state, through the Department of Agriculture, must continue to work toward its goal of permanently protecting 130,000 acres of active farmland. To date the Department of Agriculture has facilitated the purchase of development rights (PDR) to 283 farms on over 37,000 acres across Connecticut. Funding made available to the PDR program through Public Act 05-228, the Community Investment Act (CIA), has made a significant difference in terms of staffing and other resources. This and consistent bond funding have vastly improved the department's ability to protect more farms on an annual basis.

Certainly, one of the most cost-effective ways to help keep farmland from being converted to non-agricultural uses is to enhance farm viability. The more profitable farms are, the less likely it is that good farmland will be lost forever. Connecticut farmers and consumers have benefited greatly by grant funds made available through the CIA. These projects have allowed producers to expand production, diversify, and enter the value-added market. CIA grants have also enabled municipalities and not-for-profits to complete projects ranging from incorporating agriculture into local plans of conservation and development, construction of facilities for farmers' markets, to researching and publishing resource guides on topics related to land conservation and taxation.

I look forward to working with you to grow agriculture in our state and to enhance the availability of Connecticut grown food and products. The diversity of Connecticut agriculture is robust and there is no limit to what we can do when we work together.

*Photo: Commissioner Reviczky at UConn's Spring Horse Auction, Storrs, April 23, 2011.*

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

April 25, 2011

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen. (Range)

EXTRA LARGE	110-126
LARGE	104-118
MEDIUM	86-99

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, Conn., April 25, 2011

Live animals brought the following average prices / cwt. (provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction)

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	30.00	45.00
61-75 lbs.	52.00	60.00
76-90 lbs.	70.00	75.00
91-105 lbs.	80.00	90.00
106 lbs. & up	95.00	100.00
Farm Calves	110.00	112.50
Started Calves	38.00	42.00
Veal Calves	57.50	120.00
Open Heifers	82.00	106.00
Beef Heifers	70.00	90.00
Feeder Steers	88.00	100.00
Beef Steers	77.00	90.00
Stock Bulls	80.00	130.00
Beef Bulls	70.00	84.00
Feeder Pigs each	None to report	
Lambs each	30.00	115.00
Goats each	47.50	85.00
Kid Goats each	45.00	55.00
Canners	Up to	69.50
Cutters	70.00	74.00
Utility Grade Cows	75.00	78.50
Rabbits each	4.00	45.00
Chickens each	5.00	15.00
Ducks each	4.00	9.00

**ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

APPLES,Fuji,88ct,WA	50.75	50.75
APPLES,Gala,113ct,xfcy,WA	46.75	46.75
ARUGULA,12s,GA	21.50	21.50
BEETS, 25lb sacks,CA	41.00	41.50
BOK CHOY,35lb,FL	37.00	37.00
CILANTRO,30s,FL	40.00	40.50
ONION,40lb,md,yel,WA	31.50	31.50
LIMES,10lb,MX	18.50	18.50
LETTUCE,Greenlf,24ct,CA	48.25	48.25
CELERY,1dz,CA	31.00	31.00
DAKION,1-1/9bu,CA	40.00	40.00
MUSHRM, Wht,10lb,lg,PA	24.00	24.00
ORANGES,Navel,88ct,CA	37.50	37.50
PEARS,Bartlett,90sz,ARG	43.50	43.50
PEPPER,Green bell,xl,FL	44.75	44.75
SPINACH, 4lb AZ	16.75	17.00
STWBRY,8/1lb CA	32.25	32.25
TOMATOES,10lb,md,FL	29.75	29.75

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Monday, April 25, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breakers 75-80%lean	75.00-78.00	---	72.00-75.50
Boners 80-85% lean	71.50-75.00	76.00-78.00	69.00-70.00
Lean 85-90% lean	66.00-70.00	---	61.50-64.50
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1	1410-1935 lbs	89.00-92.00	

**FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

**NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

APPLE CIDER, 4 one-gal	18.00	18.00
APPLES, Macintosh,xfcy,100ct	22.00	23.00
BEAN SPROUTS,10lb,filn	4.50	5.00
LETTUCE, Boston,grnhse,12/4oz	14.00	16.00
TOMATOES,Grnhse, 25lb,loose	28.00	28.00

**SHIPPED IN**

ARUGULA,4lb bag,FL	13.00	13.00
ASPARAGUS,28lb,NJ	55.00	55.00
BEANS, Green, hndpck,bu,FL	16.00	19.00
BLACKBERRIES,12/6oz MX	16.00	20.00
BLUEBERRIES,md/lg,12/6oz,FL	21.00	24.00
BROCCOLI,14ct,CA	12.00	15.00
CABBAGE,Green,md,50lb,FL	12.00	14.00
CABBAGE,Nappa,50lb,FL	20.00	20.00
CANTALOUPE,9ct,GU	12.00	14.00
CILANTRO,24 bnchd,NJ	15.00	15.00
CORN, 4 half-doz,FL	12.00	15.00
CUCUMBERS,1-1/9bu,md,FL	18.00	22.00
DANDELION, Greens,crate,NJ	17.00	17.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9bu,md,FL	18.00	20.00
ESCAROLE,1-1/9bu,FL	14.00	16.00
GARLIC,3lb,braided,CA	8.00	8.00
KALE,16-18s,SC	11.00	12.00
LEEKs, 12s,NJ	24.00	24.00
LEMONS,115ct, CA	20.00	22.00
LETTUCE,Greenlf,24ct, AZ	24.00	24.00
MUSHROOM,10lb,white,lge,PA	16.50	17.50
ONION, Vidalia,swt,40lb,GA	20.00	23.00
PEACHES,32ct,FL	24.00	24.00
PEAR,4/5bu,Bosc,90ct,WA	42.00	42.00
PEAS, English,bu,FL	35.00	40.00
POTATOES,50LB,red,szA,FL	22.00	25.00
PEPPER, Cubanelles,1-1/9bu,lg,FL	18.00	18.00
PEPPER, Green bell,1-1/9bu xl,FL	15.00	18.00
RADISHES,1/2bu,NJ	14.00	14.00
RHUBARB, 20lb,field,OR	40.00	40.00
SQUASH, Green,1/2bu md,FL	9.00	12.00
STRAWBERRIES,8/1lb,FL	9.00	12.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

**CALVES: All prices per cwt.**

Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1	95-120 lbs 155.00-175.00
	80-90LBS 145.00-155.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1	90-130 lbs 200.00-300.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:	
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3	40-60 lbs 250.00-265.00
	60-80 lbs 222.00-247.00
	80-90 lbs 228.00-243.00
	90-110 lbs 236.00-251.00
	110-130 lbs 225.00-240.00
	130-150 221.00-226.00
Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3	40-60 lbs 215.00-233.00
	60-80 lbs 200.00-227.00
	90-110 lbs 200.00-215.00
	110-130 lbs 205.00-220.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh	120-160 lbs 86.00-102.00
	160-200 lbs 87.00-100.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	120-160 lbs 63.00-80.00
	160-200 lbs 60.00-75.00
	200-300 Lbs N/A

**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	160-170
LARGE	152-160
MEDIUM	126-130

**PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT**

April 25, 2011

Hay and straw market for eastern Pennsylvania. All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

	Premium
Alfalfa	200.00-225.00
Mixed Hay	200.00-225.00
Timothy	N/A
	Good
Alfalfa	160.00-200.00
Mixed Hay	170.00-200.00
Timothy	145.00-150.00
	Fair
Alfalfa	140.00-160.00
Mixed Hay	130.00-170.00
Timothy	130.00-150.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION**

Monday, April 25, 2011

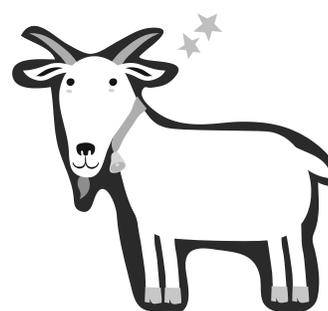
Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	67.00-69.00
	270-300 lbs	66.00-68.00
45-49	300-400 lbs	64.00-66.50
Sows: US 1	300-500 lbs	45.00-50.00
	500-700 lbs	50.00-54.00
Boars:	300-800 lbs	27.50-28.00

**SLAUGHTER GOATS:**

All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on estimated weights.

Kids: 40-60 lbs	110.00-140.00
60-80 lbs	148.00-166.00
80-90 lbs	154.00-162.00
90-100 lbs	N/A
100-110 lbs	158.00-170.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	122.00-135.00
130-180 lbs	124.00-130.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	180.00-196.00
150 250 lbs	192.00-206.00



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1-R. CT Christmas Tree Growers, CT Sheep Breeders and CT Beekeepers Associations Special Insurance Packages available through Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency--Toll Free 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, 1-888-526-8815, [ddonahue01@comcast.net](mailto:ddonahue01@comcast.net) or [www.hobbyfarmusa.com](http://www.hobbyfarmusa.com). Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

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9-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing 203-788-2430.

60-R. Hay 4x5 round bales, square bales 1st cut \$4. & 2nd \$5. 3 yr. Hereford with club calf heifer 1-26, \$1,000. 860-537-1974.

70-R. Hay, 1st cut \$4.00/bale. Feeder calves .90/lb live. Firewood, cut and split \$150/cord – you pick up. 860-916-9449.

71-R. JD 6310 4x4 640 loader - \$27,000. 6405 2wd 620 loader, low hours - \$26,000. IH 986 4-post with roof - \$8,500. JD 750 2wd with loader - \$4,500. JD 5320 2wd low hours - \$13,500. Farmall 300, JD B, Massey 375, JD and IH front and rear wheel weights. 203-530-4953.

72-R. NH 575 balers with throwers, 3 to choose from - \$12,000 and up. NH 258 hydraulic drive rake - \$3,500. IH reset plows 710, 720 4 & 5 bottom. JD 336 with kicker, real sharp \$5,000. NH 311 baler with chute and hitch \$4,500. 2 Case IH 8430 round balers \$6,500 and \$7,500. NH BR 730 round baler like new \$10,500. Case IH SBX 520 baler same as NH 565 like new \$8,000. JD Wheel harrow, kicker wagons new and used. Kuhn 4-star hydraulic fold tedder. New Morra 4-star hydraulic fold tedder \$4,500. New Pequay 11-foot rotary rake \$6,000. NH 256, 258 rakes 5-ton fertilizer spreader \$3,000. Call 203-530-4953.

73-R. Rye straw clean, seedless, excellent for garden mulch. Newly seed lawns, erosion control, animal bedding. 860-289-5188; 860-289-5055.

76-R. JD 1219 haybine-\$1500.00. Many extra parts, runs well, stored indoors. 860-437-7828; [tomnancy8934@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tomnancy8934@sbcglobal.net).

84-R. For Sale: Beautifully restored farmhouse with garden center, greenhouses, barn. Great location in Niantic, CT. Heavy traffic volume on corner lot. 1.62 acres waterfront. \$689,900.00. Art Clauson @ 860-984-3196.

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87-R. East Hartford 5 1/2 acre mini farm in town with adequate acreage to keep 3 horses or raise crops. \$289,900. Plainfield 141 acres 1700 ft road frontage, 3000 ft on Quinebaug River. Boarded by Quinebaug State Wildlife Management, nearly 1/2 crop land. \$1,095,000. Call Clint Charter, Wallace Tustin Tetreault Realty 860.558.3908.

89-R. Used greenhouse frames, Monarail system, 26'X96', 14'X96', flat filler, shade nets, used boilers. Call 860-267-7480.

91-R. Rye straw-green and combined, heavy bales with plastic twine. \$6.00 per bale. Volume discount. 860-729-3772 or 860-872-1035.

93-R. Spruce trees 2'-3'. Great for screening/landscape. 860-376-2351.

94-R. 5 ft Woods rotary mower, works good, needs welding or for parts & blades \$350. Aluminum Track Rack for 6' pickup bed, only used a few times, cost \$1,500 will sell for \$600, Perfect for long items-ladders, planks etc. 860-423-1347 or 617-308-3015.

95. New Idea 5212 Mower/Conditioner in good working condition \$5,000.00. Also a 5407 3 point Hitch Disc Mower. Call Clyde for more info. 860-689-6682.

96-R. N.H. 271 Baler; N.H. 478 Mower Conditioner; N.H. 55 Side Rake; N.H. 163 Tedder 17 ft; Other hay equipment & wagons. 860-653-7603.

97. Two bottom plow Dearborn Model #10-152 \$200.00. Call Olivia's Garden 860-228-8070.

### WANTED

82-R. Wanted: 18.4-38 Radial tractor tire. Good condition. Call Bill @ 203-237-9400 or 203-641-2284 or [wkogut@cox.net](mailto:wkogut@cox.net).

86-R. Scrap Metal Removal. Fully insured, prompt and reliable family business specializing in scrap metal cleanup. Looking for farms, nurseries, large properties, etc with quantities of scrap ( cars, trucks, heavy equipment, farm machinery, etc) We have all the necessary equipment and experience to perform cleanups safely and responsibly. Increase your property values by cleaning up your old scrap metal. Call 860-798-4039.

### MISCELLANEOUS

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### NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL BEEF-TO-INSTITUTION MARKETING STUDY ANNOUNCED

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets; the CT Department of Agriculture; and the Departments of Agriculture from Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire contributed financial resources to collaborate in a joint effort to research and develop the implementation plan for regional marketing of locally produced ground beef to New England institutions. In addition, Rhode Island Division of Agriculture, Harvest New England, the National Farm-to-School Network, and other non-profit organizations contributed time or money and are providing organizational support to encourage this important regional effort. Rose Wilson, business and marketing consultant based in Norwich, Vermont has been selected as the project leader of the New England Beef-to-Institution Marketing Study. The goal of the study is to investigate the bottlenecks, explore processing and capacity, and subsequently create a marketing plan for New England grown ground beef for various channels, with special emphasis on marketing ground beef to local schools and institutions. The implementation plan developed from the study will be a resource for New England dairy farmers and beef producers, distributors, institutional buyers, state departments of agriculture, and other partners in the sourcing and utilization of regionally raised beef. If you are called upon to answer questionnaires about this project, please take the time to speak to the investigators! For more information, contact Jane Slupecki, 860-713-2588.

### FREE NICHE MEAT PROCESSING WEBINAR 6/2/11

The Business of Meat Processing: Planning & Profitability, a Niche Meat Processor Assistance Network (NMPAN) webinar, will be held from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. EDT on June 2, 2011.

Planning to expand, change, or build a new meat processing business? Trying to figure out how to make your small processing business more profitable? Experts will address these important topics and answer your questions. We will also roll out two new user-friendly guides for small meat processors on planning and profitability.

Speakers include Nick McCann, Agribusiness and Marketing Specialist with the National Center for Appropriate Technology's ATTRA Project, and Sarah Cornelisse, Senior Extension Associate with the Ag Entrepreneurship program at Penn State University.

This webinar is free and open to the public. To attend, go to <http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/nichemeat> a few minutes before start time and log in as a guest.

News and events from local agricultural organizations are published on a first-come, first-served basis as space allows. Submit concise summaries (150 words maximum) to [linda.piotrowicz@ct.gov](mailto:linda.piotrowicz@ct.gov) for consideration. There is no guarantee that submissions will be published.

**LAND USE ACADEMY 5/14/11 at UCONN STORRS**

Land Use Academy Basic Training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2011, in Room 100 of the W.B. Young Building (1376 Storrs Rd), at the University of Connecticut, Storrs. This workshop provides instruction for local land-use commissioners on the fundamental knowledge and skills needed to support sound decision making. Curriculum covers the roles, responsibilities and legal requirements of commissions, as well as basic map reading techniques. The Academy is a partnership of the CLEAR, the CT Bar Association, the CT Chapter of the American Planning Association, and the CT Office of Policy and Management Office of Responsible Growth. Registration fee of \$35 covers instruction, morning snacks, lunch, and workshop materials. View agenda and/or register at <http://clear.uconn.edu/luacertificate/agenda.htm>.

**SEEING THE FOREST AND THE TREES LECTURE 5/6/11**

Seeing the Forest and the Trees, a lecture by Dr. Jeanne Romero-Severson, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Notre Dame, will be held Friday, May 6, 2011 in the Jones Auditorium of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington Street, New Haven. Lecture begins at 11:00 a.m. and is preceded by tea at 10:30. Dr. Romero-Severson is an internationally recognized and respected quantitative and population geneticist. In this discussion, Dr. Romero-Severson will address conservation and restoration of the threatened and endangered forest trees based on population dynamics, site suitability, and the species capacity to respond to an introduced pathogen. Please call 203-974-8500 for more info.

**PASTURE EVALUATION WORKSHOP 5/9/11**

CT NOFA will offer an on-farm workshop from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2011, at the Community Farm of Simsbury. Pastures and/or hay fields are important parts of many farms. The Community Farm of Simsbury has 21 acres of certified organic hay fields. Join UConn's Dairy and Livestock Extension Educator Rich Meinert and NRCS's District Conservationist James Hyde for a learning walk through the farm's fields to evaluate them for their hay potential and hear suggested management strategies for improved quality and production. The workshop is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about pasture management.

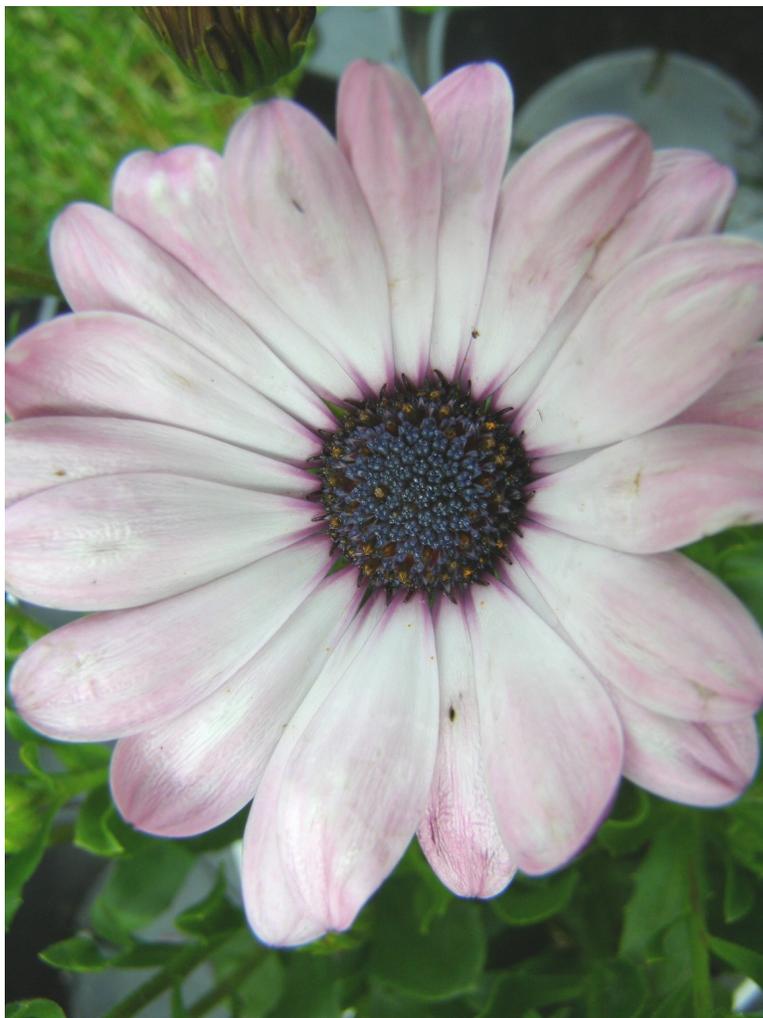
Registration is \$10 for CT NOFA members and \$15 for non-members. Attendance is limited; preregister by calling 203-888-5146.

**CT GROWN PRODUCER LISTINGS AND BROCHURES**

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture offers a variety of online listings on its [Publications](#) page. Applications currently being accepted include 2011 Connecticut Agritourism, 2011 Connecticut Farm Stands/Stores, 2011 Connecticut Pick-Your-Own Farms, 2011 CT Grown Dairy and Egg Producers, 2011 CT Grown Honey Producers, and 2011 CT Grown Meat Producers.

These online listings are updated year round and applications can be submitted at any time. Applications can be found on the Department of Agriculture's website at [www.CTGrown.gov](http://www.CTGrown.gov) (click on Publications then the [Commodity Brochures](#) link at the end of the second paragraph).

For more information, contact Linda Piotrowicz at 860-713-2558 or [Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov](mailto:Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov).



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